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SUBJ: STUDY OF EFFECTS OF DISPERSANTS USED ON
OIL SPILL IN MALACCA STRAIT

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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL, EMBASSY CONTACTED DR.
APRILANI SOEGIARTO, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC
INSTITUTE. SOEGIARTO SAID INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS
NO PRESENT PLANS TO MAKE STUDY DESCRIBED REFTEL. IT
IS, HOWEVER, KEENLY INTERESTED IN SUBJECT AND WOULD
BE GLAD COOPERATE.

2. FYI SOEGIARTO QUOTED IN PRESS JANUARY 15 AS SAYING
CHEMICAL DISPERSANTS USED BY SINGAPORE ON SHOWA MARU
OIL SLICK COULD ALSO DESTROY MARINE LIFE, AND
INDONESIA HAD DECIDED NOT TO USE THESE ON THE SLICK.
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IT HAD SOMETIMES BEEN FOUND, HE SAID, THAT SUCH

CHEMICALS WERE MORE DANGEROUS TO ECOLOGY THAN OIL SLICKS THEMSELVES. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS LITTLE DATA ABOUT EFFECTS OF OIL SPILLS IN TROPICAL AREAS, SO SHOWA MARU SPILL PRESENTED OPPORTUNITY TO COLLECT VALUABLE INFORMATION.

3. ALSO ACCORDING JANUARY 15 PRESS, AERIAL SURVEY BY NATIONAL AEROSPACE INSTITUTE SHOWS SPILL SPREADING SOUTHWARD AND POLLUTING CORAL REEF OF BATAM ISLAND.
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